

Bristol April 7<sup>th</sup> 1848  
Friday

My dear Mr. May.

Our correspondence is now  
become regulated. Your letter with the  
Liberty Bells thro' Mr. Webb dated Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>  
came to hand on the 16<sup>th</sup> March, and  
that by the 11<sup>th</sup> March Steamer dated  
18<sup>th</sup> March arrived on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> one  
day only after it was due. Thank you for  
these letters, & for the "Chr. World" which ac-  
companied the latter, containing my ver-  
months upon "G. L. & C." commenced this

My only other correspondence with you  
(which could not have been received when  
you last wrote on the 7<sup>th</sup> March) was a note  
inclosed in a letter to Fr. Douglass dated  
Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> referring to some payments for the  
Liberator &c.

We were glad to hear of the safety of the  
Bristol boxes, & hope their contents will not  
be less productive in consequence of their  
new place of sale, & also that Mr. Wallcut  
will be reconciled by the results to the cause.



enemious invasion of his last hour

Let me, my dear Sir, set you right about  
the sending of a copy of my likeness to Wm. Ware.

You will be convinced that I am not very  
anxious to send myself about, when I tell you,  
that before letting the Armstrongs see your  
last letter, I erased all you said about the  
picture, for I had refused one to Mrs. A. (a  
very intimate & attached friend 720 years,) -  
as well as to many other friends.

When I had sat for a likeness some years  
ago, several near relatives desired a copy,  
& of the picture, which gave great satisfaction  
was engraved, 12 copies only being struck  
of which some were distributed to my family -  
mother, brothers, sisters &c. For the idea of seeing  
a picture of myself stuck up in friend's rooms  
was always very odious, & so to those who  
asked for a copy, I said they should have one when  
I was dead.

A few persistent friends were  
so urgent, & so ready to promise that if they  
had a copy it should never be in a sitting room,  
that I had a few more, (12 only I think) made.

W. Ware saw one at Mrs. Carpenter's, & it  
was his repeated entreaty to Mrs. Anna  
Carpenter to endeavor to procure one for him,  
in an unguarded moment,  
that led me to give her one for him, but it  
was with little expectation that it would  
be seen by others before it got into his hands,



I then but very few. I must however  
confess to having deviated from my scrupulousity  
in this matter in having given, — having offered  
a copy to Mr. Garrison while he was at my  
house, which I saw placed at the bottom of his  
porter's cart, but which probably has been  
(and as I hope) lost. Certainly there is  
no risk of my seeing myself suspended in a  
conspicuous situation in American dining  
or drawing rooms, & the with a continued  
sustained dislike to the distribution of  
so utterly by ourselves an article to those not  
connected with me by family ties, as a picture of  
myself. I cannot refuse your request to let you  
have one of my remaining copies, procuring  
the request is not one of more form. — But I  
am wasting time & paper on this uninteresting topic.

Mr. Chapman's account of the late  
Boston Bazaar was very amusing; we  
have made good use of it.

I was glad to hear of my friend Hicks  
who is an excellent man, & a most labor-  
ious one; but he is working in the "sacred  
cause" necessary to make him a prosperous  
man. As a lecturer, I have always heard  
him considered as a very indifferent one, —



tho' rightly knowing his subject, but deficient in the <sup>art</sup> of explaining himself in a lucid & attractive manner. — a types of his general mind & manner of expression. I trust he will make a little money in America tho' I was one who could not encourage his going, especially at a time when he would have been compelled to borrow money to set out on the enterprise.

Thank you for Theodore Parker's "Letter  
on Slavery" (which however I had procured from  
Chapman) - for the "Conquest of the  
Republic," which I should have had got in some  
other way, & for W. W. Brown's <sup>Getting my daughter</sup> <sup>see</sup>  
"Lays of the Sea," & we  
now united the thanks to Mrs. Chapman & to  
those to whom they are due, for copies of  
the "Liberty Bell," which we much value  
this year, & the "Report of the Mass. Co."

MS. B. 1. 6 v. 1  
this year, The "Report of the Prof. Co.  
Having <sup>" &c</sup> announced, but not arrived, we are  
looking forward to with pleasure —  
Yours &c  
10th Sept 7-48

I sh<sup>d</sup> in your letter of March 7<sup>th</sup> 1845  
 regret not writing to me often as, I assure you  
 that I <sup>am</sup> much gratified by your finding time  
 to write so often & so much as you do. Be-  
 cause I may not in reply specially allude to  
 all the matters you speak of, do not suppose  
 they are therefore less interesting to me & I  
 you desire them to be.



2<sup>nd</sup>) I have written to Dr. Hutton to request  
him to procure the insertion in the "Inquirer"  
of G. L. L.'s new article on the Unit<sup>n</sup> Reply, as  
Dr. H. seems to admire these new articles  
better "than some", and because, in my opinion  
they will prove (what some of us have  
maintained) the lukewarmness of the Unit<sup>n</sup>  
body at Boston on the Slavery question -  
What an excellent article that is of Theo. Parker  
in the Lib. Bell, "Come & do it better."

The Irish Unit<sup>n</sup> are preparing their Reply  
to the Boston Invitation. Mr. J. Scott Porter  
sent me a printed circular of the proposed  
one, a few days ago, with a caution that it  
would not suit the more "ardent A. S. spirits"  
on account of its not excommunicating our  
American Unit<sup>n</sup> Brethren!! Well, this homier  
Reply is really stranger than ours; touching our  
American brethren upon some very sore  
points, - viz - for finding fault with the proceedings  
of the Abolitionists, & for not "doing it better"  
themselves. The document is not very dis-  
criminating as to A. S. Unit<sup>n</sup> in America, &  
shows much acquaintance with the true  
state of the A. S. movement. However, it is a step  
in the right direction, & will show our Boston brethren  
that they are watched from Ireland as well as  
England. We have heard nothing



of Mr. John Panton are but hope he may  
come to Bristol.

The phrase "made out of whole cloth" is not  
familiar, (unknown indeed) among us.

Where I see a great love of things "pertaining  
to spiritualism & spiritual ~~existence~~ existence",  
as in Mr. Garrison, I am indisposed to expect  
much "good sense" & "sound excellence of judg-  
ment in all practical matters", - but I  
am quite ready to receive Mr. G. as an ex-  
ception to my theories on the subject.

Of Homoeopathy in America I know  
nothing: here, much want of principle is  
evinced by its practitioners. - Attention to diet,  
avoidance of active medicine, & faith, will  
do much in many complaints. In the case  
of infinitesimal doses of Med. as professed  
to be employed, the homoeopaths them-  
selves have, no faith whatever.  
They well know that occasionally active  
remedies are indispensable: they then give  
them in ordinary doses, - but without saying so.  
this. I know an instance lately where  
some anodyne homoeop. "Globules" which had  
produced serious effects, were analyzed, &  
each contained  $\frac{1}{2}$  grain of Acetate of Morphine  
(2 grs of Opium double an ordinary dose) - the



body had taken 2 of these infinitesimal

If you have the misfortune to be attacked with severe inflammation of the lungs, or bowels, — or other dangerously acute disorder, & if you have a sensible well educated physician near, in pity to Mrs. May, & in duty to your children, forgo Homeopathy.

This morning's post has brought me a letter from Mrs. Anna Richardson, wife of \* Henry Richardson of New Castle, ~~present~~ <sup>past</sup> ~~Adm.~~ <sup>Adm.</sup> of Mass., he condemning Mr. Wendell Phillips for writing to this country to try to prejudice people against H. Bibb, whose invitation to England she has managed.

I must tell her I cannot join in her regrets & censure, until I know what <sup>this clever, active, & well meaning</sup> H. D. Bibb & why Mr. P. has so written.

writes me of her, "can you be surprised at anything from a person who has reached such a height of religious bigotry as she has arrived at?" It is the censure of

of free labor produce that she is now exhibiting.

But I must not conclude with out one word on what is engaging every one's thoughts here, (& time too with spelling the papers) — the eventful state of Europe! Good



I doubt not will be the result, but I do not  
to think of what may yet be in store for  
the agitated countries - I grieve over the  
present anarchical condition of France.  
The welfare of that country has long been  
exciting increasing interest in English  
minds.

I should like to have seen a  
Republic fairly & freely tried there: but there  
seems no chance of this - I doubt if the majority  
of the Nation are favorable to one, & I by no  
means think them fitted for one. A limited

La Monarchy I think, would best suit  
the desirs, as well as the genius of the people.

Blondin must follow the present disorder  
arising, lawless, & idle state of the working popu-  
lation - Lamartine has certainly

conducted himself in the noblest, <sup>bravest</sup> ~~bravest~~  
& perhaps perhaps wisest way, consider-  
ing the torrent he had to stem, & being  
violent, (unprincipled I fear as regards  
Lider-Rollin & Morast) coadjutors.

ms. B.1.6 v.2, p. 70  
But only think of men, - grown men  
"Christians", employing their time & such  
moment as the present at Paris, in going  
about planting little poplar trees!!

It is interesting to see the general good  
feeling & wishes of the English people towards  
the French, & the determination to let them  
alone. Lamartine's speech to the



Irish Deputations who expressed his full sympathy with them of and  
the English, has afforded great satisfaction in this country. I have read  
do not judge of the actual state of Ireland, or Irish feeling from the <sup>original</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>them</sup> ~~of~~  
speeches allowed to be made by a few of the intemperate leaders,  
is however by no means improbable that the excitable Irish will be  
stimulated to some violence which will occasion bloodshed, & defeat  
the true interests of the country. Irish Honnells instead of advocating  
to questionable a measure as a refuge of the Union, had rather  
the State Church question, <sup>& urged a separation of the Church from the State in Ireland.</sup> there he will have carried with him the  
sympathy of large numbers of English: every one here claims, & believes  
Reform would be more injurious to the Irish than the English.

I saw last night a friend (Mr. R. Morris) who had been with Mr. Thompson  
to Paris to present a peace address from a London Meeting. He saw  
all the members of the Paris Govt. & heard Mr. Lamartine read &  
was much interested in his visit. He looks more favorably of the  
French movement, than I am able to hope. I will send you a  
newspaper left here by my brother-in-law yesterday, the "Lancet"  
It is the organ of some Free trade party, the successor of the  
Anti Corn Law League paper, edited by some able men, Members  
of Parliament. You will see their fears for France. Our papers  
are now exceedingly interesting

If for no other reason, I regret that a Republic is uncertain in  
France, because the Pres. Govt. so promptly denounced the  
absurdity of a Republic holding power. I wish Mr. Lamartine had  
hinted this to the American Deputations that went to Congress  
late the new Govt.

Disturbances are apprehended in London  
on Monday next in consequence of a large assembly of Chartists deter-  
mining to march to the H. of Commons with their petitions. I do not  
expect we shall altogether escape the infection of Continental agitation

My daughter joins me in kind regards - Other friends do  
not know of my writing. I am very dear Sir  
Sincerely Yours J. D. Hillier



Rec<sup>d</sup> Apr. 23<sup>d</sup>  
Ans<sup>d</sup> May 3<sup>d</sup>

April 67/48

1. [His likeness sent to me, at my urgent request.]
2. [Homoeopathy.]
3. [French Affairs.]

Rev<sup>d</sup> S. May,

care of  
Samuel May Love  
Boston,  
N. America.

Frederick Douglass

Seated at Cambridge 1830,  
Friend of the Cause 1830.